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Columbus Police are investigating a Police Involved Shooting

On May 28, 2019 at 6:29 PM, a Columbus Police officer, who was working a Special Duty assignment at the Certified Gas Station located at 3204 W. Broad Street, aired that shots had been fired out of an attempted robbery at that location.

The officer was working special duty at the gas station when the suspect entered the business, displayed a weapon, and demanded cash. The officer was alerted that the suspect was attempting to rob the cashier. When the suspect saw the officer the suspect ran from the business. During the brief foot chase the officer observed the suspect reaching for his weapon. The officer fired shots at the suspect but did not strike the suspect. The suspect got into a vehicle that was waiting nearby and the vehicle fled the scene. An authorized vehicle pursuit ensued and the suspect vehicle eventually crashed into a tree at the intersection of N. Star Road and Essex Road in Upper Arlington. Both the robbery suspect and the driver of the vehicle were taken into custody without further incident.

The officer and the employees of the gas station were not injured during the incident. Neither the suspect nor the driver of the vehicle were injured. A weapon was recovered at the scene. It was discovered that the weapon was a pellet gun.

The robbery suspect was identified as John J. Jenkins, Jr., M/B/26. The driver of the vehicle was identified as Rachel Sipple, F/W/20. The investigation continues and charges are pending against both individuals.

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